

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2152 - HB 2264

January 31, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Discipline Act of 2002 as follows:*

- allows a student to be suspended from attendance at school for exhibiting disrespectful language or behavior to a principal or teacher.
- directs each local education agency (LEA) to include courtesy titles, *such as Mr., Mrs., Miss, as appropriate, and the use of Sir or Ma'am*, for students to address teachers and school personnel in their discipline code.
- allows the use of corporal punishment as an element in enforcing behavior and discipline codes. Parents shall be informed of the expected standards of behavior of their children towards teachers and other school personnel, and the consequences of not meeting these standards.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Less than \$100,000

Estimate assumes any costs associated with incorporating this provision into the school's discipline code; printing and distribution of this provision to students and school personnel; notification of the expected standards of behavior and the consequences of not meeting these standards to parents; and any school suspensions resulting from failure of students to adhere to these standards, will be less than \$100,000.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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